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Pair Charged With Decades-Old Murder of Woman in Palmdale

Two men were charged today with the capital murder of a mother who was killed more than 35 years ago after she was kidnapped from a Palmdale gas station where she worked, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Terry Moses (dob 12/18/55) and Neal Antoine Matthews (2/8/57) were each charged with one count of capital murder in case MA066096. They also face special circumstance allegations of murder during a robbery, murder during a kidnapping and murder during a rape, making them eligible for the death penalty if convicted.

Matthews made his initial court appearance today but arraignment was continued until June 16 in Department A01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Tannaz Mokayef of the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Leslie Long was working a night shift on Dec. 3, 1978, when she was robbed and kidnapped. Authorities were notified and began searching for Long. Three days later, her body was found off the 14 Freeway in Acton. Investigators believe Long was shot and killed at that location.

DNA evidence ties both men to the murder, Mokayef said.

Prosecutors will decide at a later date whether to seek the death penalty.

Moses, who is serving a 25 years-to-life sentence and housed at Soledad State Prison, also is charged in the same criminal complaint with two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder. Moses is accused of killing Carlton Goodwin and Michael Fuqua on Aug. 22, 1976 and trying to kill Kenney Guevara on Dec. 7, 1996.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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